combined direct and indirect irrigation scheme, the feasibility of having only indirect irrigation under the canal, i.e., through tanks in the area to which supply will be made by the canal is being investigated by a special staff.

" As the scheme has thus not been fully investigated, it cannot be stated that the Government have been negligent in the matter of providing irrigation facilities in the higher reaches of the proposed Pullambadi canal. The facilities will be provided if *technically feasible and economical*."

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS *RE*

(1) ELECTION OF FOURTEEN MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I move—

' *That with reference to rule* 163 *of the Madras Assembly Rules, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker to elect fourteen members to be Members of the Committee on Estimates for the financial year* 1955–56.' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That, with reference to rule 163 of the Madras Assembly Rules, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker to elect fourteen Members to be Members of the Committee on Estimates for the financial year 1955–56.' "

The motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" In accordance with the regulations framed by me for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 3 p.m. on Monday, the 14th March 1955, as the time within which nomination papers of candidates for election to the Commtitee on Estimates should reach the Secretary. Nomination forms can be had on application to the Secretary.

" The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at 4 p.m. on Monday, the 14th March 1955. I also fix 3 p.m. on Friday, the 18th March, as the last hour and date for the withdrawal of candidature.

" If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, namely, fourteen, a poll will be taken on Monday, the 21st March 1955, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m."